

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

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... then I found out the ring job he was talking about was for his hotrod!

## Should We Retain Two-Party System?

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On Monday, Jan. 7, at 2 p.m., the governor and all other constitutional officers, together with members of the assembly and state senators, were sworn into office. In previous editions of this regular weekly column, I have said that I thought we would be able to end the session, adjourn and come home not later than June 15, 1963, but now I am convinced that we shall be fortunate if we can adjourn by midnight, June 22.

If the governor should exercise his authority under the state constitution to call one or more special sessions, we might be in Sacramento all summer, but I hope not!

Please be sure to send all mail to me to Room 4001, Assembly Chambers, State Capitol, Sacramento 14, Calif., until you read in my column or in some other portion of your newspaper that we have adjourned.

**YOU CAN HELP ME** to help you if you please put each separate request, suggestion, or complaint on a separate piece of paper. The reason is that each subject must be filed in a separate file jacket. If you send a telegram, please make a carbon copy of it and send it airmail. Also, in a telegram, please include your address and telephone number if you want fast service.

People who actually live or have offices inside the 46th Assembly District get priority attention whether they are rich or poor, Republican or Democrat. I personally read all first class mail and personally answer it. Letters from people who do not live or work within the 46th Assembly District are answered as fast as I can catch up with the mail from people in the 46th District.

Although the principal responsibility of the state legislature is to enact good laws, there is a constant, behind-the-scenes fight in the Republican Party regarding three issues vital to all the people of the United States, and particularly to the people of California. These three issues are:

(1) **SHOULD THE** Republican Party in California be a conservative (but not reactionary) political party, or are we supposed to move to the left and change all our platforms, policies, and principles in order to become a so-called "Moderate," "Middle-of-the-Road," "Semi-Liberal" political party simply to induce enough Democrats to vote for our candidates in 1964?

(2) Should the Republican Party start now to select a candidate whose record as a public official is that of a "moderate," "middle-of-the-road," "semi-liberal" man; or

should we remain true to the principles of Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, and Abraham Lincoln? If the latter is right, we either send an un-instructed delegation of conservative Republicans to the Republican National Convention of 1964 or a delegation of conservative Republicans pledged to support a genuine, conservative Republican candidate.

(3) **IF WE DO NOT** send an un-instructed delegation, must we send an ostensible candidate for the Presidency, a California "favorite son," who can trade the votes of the Republican delegation from California for a position on the U. S. Supreme Court, or swap our votes for a job as a member of the cabinet of the President?

A true conservative is one who believes in the dignity of the individual citizen, regardless of his race, religion, or national origin. A real conservative believes in home rule, which means that if a city or county can handle its problems, it should not seek help from either Sacramento or Washington, D. C. The federal government should not do anything which the state, a county, or a city can do as well. The state should not do anything which a city or a county can do as well.

Most important of all, a genuine conservative has a heart. He has compassion for his fellow men and women. He does not want their lives regulated from the cradle to the grave by any form of government, because such regulation is tyranny! Finally, let us oppose tyranny from any form of dictatorship, whether it be communism or the thinly disguised state socialism we have now!

**PLEASE WRITE** and tell me your ideas on these vital issues. So far, my mail from both Republicans and Democrats has shown an overwhelming desire to preserve the two-party system and not change the Republican Party into a poor carbon-copy of some other political party!



"Remember the good old days when you had to wait for a high wind to see a pair of legs?"

## Garden Checklist

1. Plant annuals such as stock, snapdragon, calendula, cineraria for spring bloom.
2. Plant flat-growing perennials for spring and summer bloom. Give them a good start by preparing the soil well before planting.
3. Give peach trees the first of two sprayings now to prevent leaf curl.
4. Plant camellias and azaleas for immediate bloom. Plant rhododendrons for later spring bloom.
5. Roses may be pruned this month, but wait until February to prune fuchsias. Also prune deciduous fruit trees.



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